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Samuel Gompers said:
The earth was intended for all mankind, and not for a few. The question of how they are going to get their rights can only be solved by the organized labor movement.—not by revolution, but by evolution.

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And Why Not?

Stockholm, Sweden.—"I wouldn't want to be a capitalist in Sweden. I would want to be a labor leader," Paul G. Hoffman, retiring administrator Economic Cooperation Administration, tells Swedish trade unionists as he is served coffee by Miss Stella Hallenborg, stenographer of the Swedish Confederation of Trade Unions at offices of the confederation.

Meany Says Way to Win Nov. 7 is to Get to Polls

Secretary-Treasurer Tells AFL Members What They Do in Election Determines Whether Taft-Hartley Is Repealed

Washington.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany gave a tip to AFL members on how to win the Nov. 7 election.

"The old-fashioned method of getting in contact with the individual voter and getting him out is the way you win elections," he said in a statement.

Mr. Meany said that labor-liberal forces must break the tradition of a light vote in off-year elections. He reminded AFL members that what they do determines the outcome of this election and whether or not the Taft-Hartley Act will be repealed next year.

Following is the text of his statement:

"The old-fashioned method of getting in contact with the individual voter and getting him out is the way you win elections.

"I know that is the way they used to win them in the big cities.

"I am sure that Labor's League for Political Education can do just as good a job and maybe a better job than political machines have done in the past in getting out the vote.

"And that is what, in the final analysis, is going to remove from the halls of Congress those who have no sympathies with the ideals of this labor movement, and will replace them with the people who are really and truly friends of labor.

"This is an off-year election. Unfortunately, the tradition is for the working people of this country to come out and vote for a President and then stay home two years later.

"On one thing the political experts do not disagree. The bigger the vote, the more pro-labor candidates get elected.

"We must break the tradition of a light vote in off-year elections this election day.

"What you do determines the outcome of this election.

"And that determines whether or not the Taft-Hartley Act will be repealed next year."

Spare ½ Hour to Vote—Keenan

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HELEN DOUGLAS
California

SCOTT W. LUCAS
Illinois

ELBERT D. THOMAS
UTAH

FRANCIS J. MYERS
Pennsylvania

Washington.—These four friends of the people faced tough reactionary opposition for election on Nov. 7 to the U. S. Senate.

'Is That Asking Too Much?' LLPE Chief Wants to Know

By JOSEPH D. KEENAN
Director AFL Labor's League for Political Education.

Washington.—We are told unionists have completed just half of the big political job cut out for us in 1950.

The registration campaigns are over for the most part. And an analysis of the results shows that we—together with many other progressive groups —did a bang-up job.

In New York City, voter registration is at an all-time high for a year in which there is no presidential election. In California, more people are eligible to vote than ever before. New registration records have been set in Ohio.

But, remember, our 1950 political work is only half done. We still have to make sure that these record numbers of registered voters go to the polls on Nov. 7.

All liberal candidates ask is a half hour of your time on election day. They know you don't have a lot of money to contribute to their campaign. But they do expect you to take off enough time on Nov. 7 to vote. That's not asking too much, is it?

In 1948 all of us saw what happens when as many people as possible go to the polls on election day. Progressive candidates who put the people's interests first are elected.

If you want another 80th Congress and more Taft-Hartley Acts, then you'd better sit out this election.

But if you want more legislation like the improved social security law and the public housing act passed by the Congress you elected 2 years ago, then you should spare that half hour on Nov. 7.

Green Lauds UN On Anniversary

Washington.—AFL President William Green joined other labor spokesmen in expressing to Trygve Lie, secretary-general United Nations, the "heartfelt gratitude of all working people for the success of the United Nation's first effort to outlaw war of aggression in the world."

"When the bells ring out everywhere on UN Day, Oct. 24, they will be sounding our fervent prayer that the United Nations can continue to grow in strength and authority so that never again will any nation dare to resort to armed aggression," Mr. Green said.

The greeting was signed also by CIO President Philip Murray and A. J. Hayes, president International Association of Machinists.

Firefighters Help Boost Salary Scale

Washington.—Salary scales for policemen and firemen employed in U. S. cities have increased more than 80 percent over the past quarter century, the U. S. Labor Department reports.

The rise—with firemen gaining at a faster pace than policemen—coincides with the greatest growth of the AFL International Association of Firefighters, John P. Redmond president.

Almost as important as the salary increase, Firefighters Secretary-Treasurer George J. Richardson points out, is the reduction in the work week. When the union was established, only 20 cities had 2 work shifts for firemen. Today the total is over 240.

The usual 144-hour work week for firemen has been reduced to an average of 66 and an increasing number of cities has established 48-hour weeks.

Mr. Richardson told the 1950 convention that "in nearly every city in the U. S. and Canada the firefighters during the past 2 years have received salary increases and adjustments in their working hours."

Teamsters Want More Health Pacts

Seattle, Wash.—Dave Beck, executive vice president AFL Teamsters Union and president Western Conference of Teamsters, called for wider extension of health and welfare plans as in Teamster contracts throughout the western area as the best protection a union member and his family can get.

Four hundred delegates from all the 11 Western States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii heard Mr. Beck at the 14th Western Conference of Teamsters.

Chairman Beck also renewed the Teamsters Union's pledge not to violate a contract, and asked that business and industry follow suit.

The Western Conference was formed in 1937.

TURN OUT COMMUNISTS

Reykjavik, Iceland.—The election of delegates to the 22d Congress of the Federation of Icelandic Labor Unions, to be held on or about Nov. 12, continues to show favorable results for the democratic elements in the Icelandic labor movement.

The figures show 196 democratic delegates elected against 72 for the communists. The results already obtained turned the communists out of control of the Board of Representatives of the Reykjavik Labor Unions, which they have ruled for the past 8 years.

AFL Demands Red China Veto

FAR EAST NEEDS TRADE UNIONISTS.—Gordon W. Chapman, secretary-treasurer AFL State, County and Municipal Workers and member of the Asian Executive Board of the International Confederation of Free Trades Unions, urges the AFL to send representatives among our worker friends in the Far East to encourage democracy and freedom.

Washington.—The United States must use its veto power to keep communist China out of the United Nations.

The AFL Labor's Monthly Survey set forth this position and asserted AFL opposition to the use of Russia's proposed 5-power conference on world peace "as a making for Communist China in by the back door."

"Let no one be deceived by the present conciliatory attitude of Stalin's agents in the United Nations," the Survey said. "Stalin seeks to destroy the free world, especially the USA.

"Congress insisted on the veto power in the United Nations to protect those principles of moral right, national sovereignty, law and order, without which there can be no security for any nation nor any hope of peace in the world. The United States does not believe in light use of the veto.

"But now we face a situation where its use is essential to serve the purpose for which Congress intended it: To protect the sovereign rights of our country and others against those who would destroy us.

In opposing the Soviet 5-power conference, the Survey said that "if Russia's purpose is sincere, she has only to cooperate in making the UN charter effective."

The AFL publication warned also that as the clean-up in Korea is completed, "Communist China not only can feel secure."

"Nothing could be more dangerous, for we have many ramparts to watch," the Survey said.

"Stalin daily strikes anew: Riots in West Germany, arms are fomented by trained red agitators shipped in from Czechoslovakia, Communist plan to tie up Austria by strikes; 480 Soviet spies, agents and technicians take over key posts in Albania; communists meddle in Persia and set up strength on the borders of Germany and Yugoslavia; trouble in Iran, key French strongholds are taken in Indo-China; communists penetrate schools in Guatamala; sabotage in USA has increased sinful order Korea.

"These are not isolated events but links in a great network of conspiracy, a master plan which reaches toward conquest of all governments. The main objective is USA, the only power center which can prevent this conquest. The great conspiracy moves steadily toward America, in the most fifth column already working here."

Let's Help Asia

Millions of people in the Far East are starving for freedom and food and are depending on us to help them win both of these things.

Gordon W. Chapman, secretary-treasurer AFL State, County, and Municipal Workers and member of the Asian Executive Board of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, made that report to the 69th AFL convention and is repeating the message to gatherings everywhere.

"Our major responsibility," Mr. Chapman says, "is to send manpower from the free trade unions of the Western World to help our brothers to build powerful free trade unions through which they can combat the obstacles they face."

Mr. Chapman lists the obstacles as:

(1) Illiteracy; (2) Government; (3) Employers; (4) Communism.

He and other members of the ICFTU mission responded to an information center and two residential trade union schools in Asia as a step toward overcoming those obstacles.

The new governments are overemphasizing industrial peace, he feels, by hurrying the bargaining power of the workers through compulsory arbitration at a point when the employer is far stronger than the union.

On the question of employers, Mr. Chapman says that "the workers in the Eastern world can rightfully say, 'if the actions of employers from the Western world reflect democracy why should we want democracy?'"

"The workers want freedom, not communism," Mr. Chapman says. "The past has told us nothing could be worse than what they had in the past under the landlords. They are going to turn in one direction or another for a solution to their economic problems.

"Communism promises them food; democracy offers them food and freedom.

"The workers in Southeast Asia and the Far East are our friends and they are looking to us for help. This is our opportunity and our responsibility to promote the cause of freedom."

A GREAT SHAME

(From AFL League Reporter)

One of the great shames of the 1950 campaign is the fact that roughly 99 percent of the press has said not one decent word about the liberals.

The newspapers know these men—Elbert Thomas, Herbert Lehman, Frank Myers, Brien McMahon to name a few in the U. S. Senate—have contributed many worthwhile things to the nation's better welfare.

But you can count on your fingers the number of papers which have hurled insult after insult at these men. The press is not so cruelly impartial, for they crucified Frank Graham in North Carolina and tried their mightiest to crucify President Roosevelt.

Yet the publishers wonder why the public has lost confidence in the press. It would be laughable if it weren't so tragic.

NONFARM JOBS PEAK

Washington.—Industrial and other non-farm employment reached a record 45,500,000 in September.

Mississippi AFL Reelects Hines

Biloxi, Miss.—The Mississippi Federation of Labor reelected William Hines, Hattiesburg, president and chose Jackson for the 1951 convention site.

A. M. Lefove, Gulfport, was chosen first vice president; T. G. Buchanan, Jackson, secretary-treasurer, and G. O. Smith, Laurel, chaplain.

Other vice presidents named are C. E. Bradshaw, M. E. Ezell, Greenville; Joseph Manuel, Biloxi; A. G. Davis, Gulfport, and Mrs. Mary Harper, Laurel.

Among other actions, the convention advocated a shorter work week for municipal firemen who in some cases are working 72 to 84 hours a week.

TO MEET IN ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga.— The Southeastern Building Trades Conference will hold its semiannual meeting in Atlanta on November 3 and 4.

Owner Fetes Craftsmen

Washington.—In one of the most unusual tributes accorded building trades craftsmen, Owner Frederick Gutheim (center) gave a party for the men who constructed the new 10-story home of his publications. Representatives of the unions are (left to right) Eugene Turner, laborer; Ray Isherwood, electrician; Jesse Mann, lathers; James Fox, plumber. All are members of their respective AFL Unions.

Owner Pays Honor To Building Crafts

Washington.—The owner of a 10-story office building was so impressed by the craftsmanship of the men who erected the structure that he gave them a party in the newly-completed edifice.

The host was W. M. Kiplinger, publisher. His guests were members of the building crafts trades affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and their ladies.

Each workman received a silver dollar souvenir and a program as he entered the building. On the program was this greeting from Mr. Kiplinger:

"Welcome to this beautiful structure which you have accomplished. Every inch, every foot, every ton of it was done by you. Your skill, your experience—they made it possible."

During construction, Mr. Kiplinger made friends with most of the workmen on the site.

PRAISES UNITED NATIONS

Geneva.—Director General David A. Morse of the International Labor Organization called the United Nations "the most powerful machine for peace which has ever been devised" in a UN Day message.

Prices Zoom Close To All-Time Peak

Washington.—The U. S. Labor Department reported consumer prices have risen close to their all-time peak.

They rose 0.5 percent between Aug. and Sept. 15 and the consumer price index stood only 0.4 percent below the 174.5 all-time high reached in August 1948, it reported.

The index—at 173.3—is 2.5 percent above a year ago and 2.1 percent above last June. The bulk of the last year's rise took place since the Korean war broke out because of the stockpiling by American business and industry—not because of wage increases.

Chiefly responsible for the September rise, the department said, were increases of 3.2 percent in prices of housefurnishings and 2.5 percent in apparel prices.

Fuel, electricity and refrigeration rose 0.6 percent; residential rents and prices of miscellaneous goods and services averaged fractionally higher. Food prices declined 0.2 percent.

Goodwin Appointed Manpower Director

Washington.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin appointed Howard C. Goodwin to direct the recently established Office of Defense Manpower and added 3 occupations to the critical list. The occupations are those of blacksmith, tool-maker, and electrical technician.

The position in mobilizing the country's labor force has been assigned to the man who was executive director of the Manpower Commission in the last war. Since then, Mr. Goodwin, 44, has been serving the Department of Labor as chief of the Bureau of Employment Security.

Mr. Goodwin's new duties occupy next up under a recent presidential order directing Secretary Tobin to take charge of manpower problems in the current armaments program.

The Labor Department said Mr. Goodwin had authority to develop plans and policies for using civilian manpower over the country and to bring together plans worked out by the department's many branches.

Mr. Goodwin's bureau has been detailing what categories of workers are the "critical" list. The list, now revised for the first time since it was originally drawn on Aug. 8, is used by the Selective Service System in considering requests for deferment of reservists and National Guard members. The Selective Service System, however, is not required to use it in connection with men being drafted, and so far has not accepted it.

Must Win Nov. 7 To Repeal T-H Law

Chicago.—Unless labor is successful at the polls in November, Taft-Hartley cannot be repealed," President Robert Byron of the AFL Sheet Metal Workers told the union's 28th convention.

"In fact," Mr. Byron continued, "we are in imminent danger that the enemies of labor, if they win, will attempt to write even more restrictive legislation, using the war as an excuse."

The Sheet Metal Workers president, Secretary-Treasurer Louis Wicklein, and other union officers reviewed gains made in shipyards, railroads, metal shops and other industries. Membership in the 62-year-old union is up 25 percent.

Mr. Wicklein reminded the convention that the Sheet Metal Workers hadn't raised dues in 29 years despite huge rises in the cost of running the union. But now, he said, the limit has been reached. He recommended a 25-cent increase.

'Chicago LLPE Says All AFL Registered

By DAN SMYTH
Chicago Correspondent AFL News Service

Chicago.—The AFL Labor's League for Political Education believes that virtually every AFL member in Chicago who is old enough and qualified to vote, is registered for the Nov. 7 election.

The Cook County branch of Labor's League for Political Education contacted more than 60,000 AFL members found to be unregistered, and urged them to the registration places in the final week before the Oct. 9 deadline.

Frank A. Quinn, executive secretary-treasurer of LLPE, said reports received at league headquarters from local union and district committees indicate that about 90 percent of the AFL's 80 area voters who had changed their addresses.

Nearly all these, Quinn said, moved from their new addresses, he said. Of the remaining 10 percent, a large majority were under 21 or were not citizens.

The CIO Political Action Committee worked hand-in-glove with LLPE in the registration drive. About 23,000 CIO members were found to be unregistered and were registered in this ward was covered by an LLPE precinct and a PAC man on registration day. Many of the precinct workers did duty at the polling places on election and after working at their bread-and-butter jobs.

The LLPE and the PAC also are conducting joint drives in behalf of campaigns for congressional candidates. The LLPE is working in the 2d Congressional district for Rep. James V. Buckley, and the PAC has a volunteer organizer, for instance, while the PAC has and a PAC man on registration day in the 3d district for Rep. Neil Linehan, a member of Local 134, IBEW, the Chicago electricians' AFL union.

In the 12th district, Rep. Charles Komalke is running with labor support against Rep. Nathaniel Sec. Edgar A. Jonas, a joint LLPE-PAC rally will be held Oct. 27. Frank Gillespie, secretary-treasurer of the Dairy Employes union, is leading the AFL half of this effort.

ISSUE BOOKLETS

New York.—Two additions to the growing literature on Samuel Gompers, published by the AFL Samuel Gompers Centennial Committee, are now available this year, and "The Gompers Story," a booklet containing a review of Gompers' career and some revealing reminiscences by Florence Calvert Kitchelt, Gompers' only daughter.

Copies are available on request from the Samuel Gompers Centennial Committee, 55 West 42d St., New York City.

SUPPORTS CHEST

Philadelphia.—Joseph F. Burke, president AFL Building Trades Council, urged members to pledge regular payments to the United Fund supporting the Cc ounity Chest, Heart Association, Red Cross and Salvation Army.

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SUPPLEMENT

WILLIAM GREEN, *President* WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1950 GEORGE MEANY, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Samuel Gompers said:

Illiteracy is the greatest enemy of progress of an individual or nation. It results in ignorance and inability to appreciate or utilize opportunities; inability to make decisions—conditions that are incompatible with democracy.

Honor Label Leader

Glendale, N. Y.—L. to r., Moe Rosen, president Central Union Label Council of Greater New York; Jack Wolf, secretary Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York, and William Noonan, business agent International Longshoremen's Association Local 980, at wreath at grave of Charles E. Sinnigen, late secretary Central Union Label Council of Greater New York, during Union Label Week observance. Other officials participated in ceremony.

Green Urges Best Way to Cap Gompers Year Is Cast a Vote for Labor's Friends November 7

Chicago.—You can honor Samuel Gompers in this centennial year of his birth by voting on Nov. 7 for the friends of labor in Congress.

That's what AFL President William Green told the 28th convention of the AFL Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

"During the course of this year, we have paid many oral and written tributes to the memory of Gompers," Mr. Green said. "Let us now pay a very practical tribute to his memory by delivering an overwhelming vote for the friends of labor on Nov. 7."

Mr. Green said that the enemies of enlightened defense programs are the enemies of labor and its friends are the friends of labor.

"In the words of Gompers, 'we are fighting for the liberties of all our people, not only today, but for all time,'" Mr. Green said.

"To succeed in this fight we must elect men to Congress who know what liberty really means. We must remove those who define it as the power of the few to take liberties with the rights of the many.

"It was Gompers who instructed the trade union movement to place its support behind specific issues, rather than empty doctrines, party labels, or glittering generalities, and to act in behalf of those who stand with labor on those issues."

Mr. Green called for continued vigilance against communist aggression abroad and a steady upbuilding of national defenses at home.

U. S. Bans Building Amusement Places

Washington.—The National Production Authority banned construction of any new buildings intended for "amusement, recreation or entertainment purposes" effective Oct. 27.

The action came just 2 weeks after the AFL protested imposition of new mortgage curbs and homebuilding cutbacks while commercial and recreational building continued unrestricted.

Contractors screamed the new order would halt completely the $26 billion construction industry.

When the homebuilding and mortgage curbs went into effect 2 weeks before the AFL protested that they should have been held up until a survey of building needs was first made. Then, the AFL said, restrictions could have been imposed which would have guaranteed the maximum amount of critically needed housing, conservation of materials needed for the armed forces and defense building, and a minimum dislocation of the building construction worker force.

Meanwhile Housing Administrator Raymond M. Foley promised that if the action to cutback housing permits too few home being built, "we will liberalize it."

May Issue Call

Washington. — President Truman said he may call Congress back in advance of its scheduled Nov. 27 session to enact an excess profits tax and strengthen the rent control law.

He told a news conference that Congress should also act on statehood for Alaska and Hawaii and other urgent legislation.

AFL unions hope the session would act favorably also on authorizing a union shop on the nation's railroads and rescinding postoffice department cutback of mail service.

RAISE RATE

Washington.—Minimum wage rate for employes in the hosiery industry in Puerto Rico will be raised to 40 cents an hour Nov. 13.

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HERBERT H. LEHMAN
New York

JOSEPH T. FERGUSON
Ohio

BRIEN McMAHON
Connecticut

WAYNE MORSE
Oregon

Washington.—These are friends of the people who ran for the U. S. Senate in Nov. 7 election in 4 key states.

Pennsylvania Sets Legislative Aims

Harrisburg, Pa.—The Pennsylvania Federation of Labor adopted a far-reaching legislative program at its biennial legislative conference.

Key-noting the meeting, President James L. McDevitt, told the 200 delegates that the results of the November election will be the determining factor in the success of the program adopted by the conference.

In the field of major legislation, the unemployment compensation proposal favored increasing maximum unemployment compensation from $25 to $35 a week and called upon the 1951 legislature to raise the minimum weekly payment from $5 to $20 and lengthen the number of compensation weeks from 24 to 30.

Similar increases were proposed for workmen's compensation and compensation covering the Occupational Disease Act.

The federation will again sponsor an anti-injunction act restricting common pleas judges from issuing labor injunctions unless the matter goes to a jury.

The conference called for a fair employment practices act which will be similar to that in the New York state.

It approved a bill for equal pay for equal work by women and reducing women's maximum work week from 48 to 44 hours a week.

As to taxes, it asked that tax revisions be made in Pennsylvania tax structure to provide for a progressive income tax program and a ban against wage or sales tax.

Approved also was the repeal of the soft drink tax and the 1947 local tax law.

The conference urged the repeal of the 1947 law required compulsory arbitration of public utility labor disputes and a companion statute affecting public employes.

A full program for increases in salaries of teachers was adopted.

Military to Obey Labor Standards

Chicago.—The military services will not ask for relaxation or waiver of any legal labor standards on military contracts unless the need is urgent for military reasons and no other alternative exists."

That statement of national defense policy was made to the AFL Sheet Metal Workers Association, convening by Carl R. Schedler, labor relations adviser, Department of Navy.

He said the military services will try to avoid disruptive recruiting of skilled workers from the civilian industrial force for the armed forces and to locate new production where labor is not in short supply.

"Military strength," he said, "is dependent upon industrial strength.

"Our country has grown great and has remained free because it has learned to produce more than any other country in the world. To retain our leadership in the world, we must produce even more; because it now has become essential that we prove to the world that our system of free labor enterprise provides a more satisfactory life than the controlled-labor systems of the various countries.

PROBE CAMPAIGNS

Washington.—The Senate elections subcommittee is sending investigators into New York, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Iowa to investigate charges of election law violations in the current campaigns.

The charges include threats of violence, faulty registrations, over-spending and electioneering by federal officials.

TIME TO VOTE

Washington. — In 25 states, workers are guaranteed time off with pay to vote for the purpose of voting.

In 17 of these states, the law expressly forbids an employer from docking a worker voting time from the employes' wages.

In other states many employers grant time off with pay for voting out of respect to the ballot committee.

In every instance, arrangements must be made with the employer before election day. Usually the employer has the right to designate the hours to be taken off for voting.

In every instance, only registered voters are eligible for this time off with pay and only if they use the time off to vote.

In every instance, if you are registered, vote!

AFL Industries Show Goes to Chicago in '51

Chicago.—This industrial center of the nation has been chosen as the site for the 1951 AFL Union Industries Show.

Raymond F. Leheney, secretary-treasurer AFL Union Label Trades Department and director of the show, announced that the world's greatest labor-management exposition will be held in Chicago's mamoth Soldiers' Field beginning May 18 and continuing through May 26.

The 1951 Union Industries Show will be the largest yet staged, with 150,000 square feet of exhibition space available to AFL unions and union employers.

In addition, a giant stage will be erected outdoors, in the field's semi-circle, for staging star-studded vaudeville, radio and television shows. More than 25,000 seats will be available to spectators watching these stage shows.

"Officials of AFL international and local unions in the Chicago area have already begun to go 'all-out' to insure the show's success," Mr. Leheney said. "This show is the largest of its kind anywhere in the world to show how free union labor produces under our free enterprise system."

The 5 previous shows held by the AFL in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Cleveland and Philadelphia have attracted over 2 million visitors. The 1951 show promises to be an even greater success with more than $5 million worth of equipment scheduled to be shown by manufacturers who employ AFL members.

In view of the many requests of AFL international unions throughout the country, the show was moved to Chicago for 1951 instead of St. Louis, as earlier announced. They pointed out that St. Louis had been the site of the show in 1946 and that the giant exposition be shifted to one of the many other cities who have requested the show. Pursuant to action taken at the Label Trades Department's Convention in Houston, Director Leheney proceeded to complete arrangements for bringing the show into Chicago.

ICFTU Asks Voice In Schuman Plan

Paris.—The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions will vote on the Schuman Plan for a multination operation of western Europe's steel and coal industries declared its approval of the fundamental principles of the plan.

But, the committee emphasized, ICFTU acceptance and support "are conditioned by its participation on an equal footing with all other organizations concerned with the institution of the Schuman Plan."

The ICFTU group viewed "as a very grave danger" the fact that trade unions have not been called into the initial conferences on establishment of the plan.

IT'S NATIONWIDE!

Washington.—The AFL United Textile Workers reported that local unions are winning wage increases in mills all over the nation.

More than 16,000 woolen and worsted workers in upper New England will receive $7.75 million more in their weekly pay envelopes over the next year as a result of new pay raises.

Substantial pay increases have been granted to UTW locals in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. It's the same story in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey.

Right up front in the parade are southern mills organized by UTW and those in the Middle West.

Child Labor Exists Despite All Laws

New York.—Thousands of children who ought to be in school are working long hours at tasks beyond their strength.

Leonard W. Mayo, president Child Welfare League of America, reported this condition exists in 1950 despite all the laws and educational attempts to discourage child labor.

In this, "the wealthiest nation in the world," he said, thousands of children still work long hours at tasks beyond their strength, while 4,000,000 mothers work outside their homes (3,000,000 of which are substandard) most of them "to augment scanty family income."

And how does the American Medical Association — opposing National Health insurance — propose to deal with this shocking health situation affecting the nation's children?

In discussing the health of the children, Mr. Mayo reported that rural areas in general "reveal a shocking lack of health facilities and services."

Twelve hundred counties have no public health department "or none worthy of the name," he added.

Of the 150,000 expectant committed to mental hospitals each year, 25 per cent are under age — 100,000 children are born each year without medical care and 1,200,000 children under 18 are suffering from a chronic disease or impairment, he said.

ASKS U. S. PAY BOOST

Washington. — The AFL Government Employes Council unanimously agreed that due to the excessive high cost of living legislation increasing the take-home pay of all federal and postal employes will be introduced immediately after the reconvening of the 81st Congress which is scheduled for Nov. 27, 1950.

MISS STEELE DIES

Washington.—Miss Helen M. Steele, U. S. Labor Department librarian since 1947, died at her home here Oct. 17 after an illness of several months.

2.8 Million Workers Needed

Boost Bond Sales

Washington.—Mrs. Thelma Dawson (left) administrative secretary Washington Building Trades Council, and Hartman Barber, national legislative representative AFL Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, participate in "Labor Speaks" radio broadcast sponsored by U. S. Treasury Department and organized labor to urge union members to buy U. S. Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan.

U. S. Plans to Measure Living Costs Quicker Because of Runaway Prices

Washington.—The U. S. Labor Department announced that, because of the runaway prices since the Korean war began, it is stepping up its revision of its living cost index to measure changes more quickly and accurately.

Ewan Clague, Bureau of Labor Statistics commissioner, said:

"Our original plan was that no important changes would be made in the Consumers' Price Index until the general revision was finished. Had prices remained comparatively stable as they were during 1949 and early 1950 the index on its present basis would have served reasonably well as a measure of consumer prices until 1952. The events of the past few months, however, have forced us to consider our plans.

"Since the outbreak of the fighting in Korea last June, sharp price changes have already occurred in a number of commodities and similar changes may take place in others.

"The economic stabilization legislation passed by Congress requires careful comparison of current and future prices with those which existed prior to June 25, 1950. These developments make it absolutely essential that the Consumers' Price Index be as accurate a measure of today's and tomorrow's price movements as we are able to make it.

"Therefore, we are planning to introduce into the index certain modifications and improvements which can be made immediately.

"For example, we are planning to correct a downward bias in the rent index, which we have recognized for some time but only now are able to measure. (The amount of that correction will be published with the release of the October index in November.)

"These improvements in the index cannot be completed for several months.

"Nevertheless, they must date back to the period prior to Korea. Accordingly, the bureau must do 2 things: (1) publish the index on the present basis for some months to come, and (2) when the improvements are incorporated about the turn of the year, revise the published index back to some month of 1950 prior to the outbreak in Korea. The bureau expects to publish both the present and the revised indexes during 1951, at least."

TO TALK POLITICS

Pittsburgh.—Joseph D. Keenan, director AFL's Labor's League for Political Education, will participate in a panel on "The November Elections and Labor's Future in Politics" here Nov. 28. Other participants include Louis H. Bean, election expert; Louis Stark, New York Times labor reporter, and Jennings Randolph, assistant to the president of Capital Airlines.

Washington. — The AFL Labor's Monthly Survey predicted that 2.8 million additional workers will be needed by mid June 30 to fill demands of the U. S. armed forces and industry.

The Survey estimated the requirements at 1.5 million for the armed forces and 1.3 million industrial workers. It saw the job that:

"We must increase our military strength and supplements that of friendly democratic powers for as long as is required to build a peaceful world—perhaps 10 years or more.

"Production goals must be accomplished by voluntary policies and controls, avoiding a stratt-jacket which would destroy freedom."

Meanwhile Chairman W. Stuart Symington of the National Security Resources Board said that over-all wage and price controls are not necessary in the country's present stage of what he called "gray mobilization."

Mr. Symington said that present indirect controls, such as credit curbs and inventory limitations, could soon be given "a good trial run."

The U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security predicted that the nation's total labor force—armed forces as well as all men and women working or seeking work—can be expanded to 70,000,000 if the need arises.

Using April 1950 as a base month, the bureau said the total labor force on that date could be increased by 3,600,000 to a total of 69,100,000.

This would be accomplished through recruitment of workers from the ranks of housewives, older workers, physically handicapped men and women and other workers who are not now working or seeking employment.

The bureau said the survey showed that while the nation has ample supplies of manpower to man defense plants and military establishments and provide for moving the strength of the armed forces to the current goal of 3,000,000, manpower shortages would develop in the event the country had to mobilize its manpower according to the pattern of World War II.

On the question of whether the nation has the manpower to meet demands arising from the defense program, the bureau said the economy can support the armed forces' expansion and defense industries can be found among the millions of persons who are now employed, or unemployed, but whose potential workers are outside the labor force.

But while manpower is available, the bureau said the task of getting the right men and women into the right places would be difficult and complicated.

RACE REPEAL

Boston.—AFL President William Green said he favored repeal of the new Internal Security Act in a telegram to Luigi Antonini, vice president AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

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Washington.—The AFL International Association of Firefighters advised U. S. officials in the preparation of instructions for Civilian Defense organizations in fighting fires resulting from air bombing.

The AFL union officials urged that copies of the instructions on "Fire Aspects of Bombing Attacks" be made available to every fire department official.

In World War II airborne weapons caused structural damage by fire accounted for 50 percent of the total damage to cities. More than 1,000,000 civilian deaths resulted from fire in Germany and Japan.

VALENTE ABROAD

Washington. — President Anthony Valente of the AFL United Textile Workers is sailing today, representing of the Anglo-American Council on Productivity in London, England.

He planned to visit also textile mills and meet with trade union leaders in England, France and Italy.

The AFL vice president Dorsey Hensley, Winnsboro, S. C., and Jack LeFevre, UTW time study engineer, upstate New York, were members of a U. S. cotton team sent to England under auspices of the Economic Cooperation Administration.

UTW Secretary-Treasurer Lloyd Klemert and Representative William Kennedy were named U. S. worker consultants to the textile conference of the International Labor Organization at Lyons, France, beginning Nov. 28.

Politics.....

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(Taken from his speeches and writings as a reminder to vote on Nov. 7.)

"There is not an action which the unions take, whether it be an increase of wages, an hour more leisure secured, or a factory rule modified, or even any other condition changed and improved, without it is a political act, having its political effect and is a political influence."

"Beyond doubt few, if any, will contend that the workers should refuse to avail themselves of their political rights or fail to endeavor to secure such demands which they make by the exercise of their political power."

"If each worker as an individual uses the ballot for the advancement of the principles for which labor stands and has declared, there will be no question in future as to the power of labor to achieve its just demands; political apathy and partisan adherence to old weaken; political activity and partisanship for labor's principles will bring strength and success."

"We further hold the trade unions of America comprising the AFL are committed against the introduction of matters pertaining to partisan politics, to the religion of men, and their birthplace."

"National politics, whether political or military, must be in accord with broad democratic ideals that recognize all factors and value each according to the service that it performs."